

APRIL 19, 2016

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Blaylock.

Present were: BLAYLOCK, ALSOP, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Thomas Clowers.

The following visitors were present: Dan Barton, Donnie Mathews, Loretta Gerard, Patricia Gosh, Sue Krozel, Don Alsop, Brett Slayden, Brenda Drone, Linda Warrum, Lois Gray, Tom Stahl, and Michael Guard.

Councilman Flanders made and Alsop seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop reported some alleys have been patched. She read a thank-you note from Pat Gosh regarding the work that was done to the alley behind her residence.

Councilman Alsop stated she is compiling a list of street lights that are out so Vectren can be notified.

Councilman Flanders reported mowing has begun at Maple Hill Cemetery. He stated the wind storm on April 6 caused some damage. He thanked those who helped clean-up debris at the Cemetery. Girl Scout Troop 151 will be placing flags on the veteran's graves prior to Memorial Day. Councilman Flanders is looking into getting the memorial cleaned at the Cemetery.

Councilman Flanders reported several street trees were also damaged during the April 6 wind storm. The Park Board is reviewing the policies to protect street tree planting areas following tree removal.

President Blaylock announced he and Councilman Alsop, along with their spouses, will be cleaning the veteran's memorial prior to Memorial Day.

President Blaylock reported an overhead door was repaired at the Fire Station, and the Fire Dept. performed hose testing, and some of the hose did not pass. This will need to be addressed in the future.

President Blaylock stated he has no update on the feasibility study being conducted by WMI on the former school building.

President Blaylock reported Vectren has completed the pole replacement near the former school property and clean-up is ongoing.

Councilman Wade reported the phosphorus removal project is underway. He reported the trail on the south end of Town is now closed due to damage done by loggers. The section on the north side of Town is now open.

Councilman Watson stated he has secured extra police patrol for Heritage Days.

President Blaylock appointed Kay Giles to replace Monteen Elliott on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

President Blaylock appointed Councilman Flanders to serve on the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership.

Donnie Mathews, on behalf of the New Harmony Alumni Association, requested permission to place the blue and white flags downtown for approximately two weeks leading up to and including Memorial Day. The request was approved.

Pat Gosh, with the Bicentennial Torch Relay, requested permission to hang a banner at Church and Main Sts. for the relay. She is still looking into size requirements, etc. It was noted she will need to obtain a permit.

Councilman Flanders made and Alsop seconded a motion that the demolition permit fee for the fire damaged home at 825 Steammill St. be waived. The fee is \$50. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders made and Wade seconded a motion that approval be given to use the former school parking lot for parking during Heritage Days. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock asked Council members to review the current golf cart ordinance and consider possibly amending it to include ATV's, side by sides, and off-road vehicles. Attorney Clowers will look into state laws regulating such vehicles. Councilman Waston made and Wade seconded a motion the discussion be tabled until further research can be done. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Brenda Drone reported vehicles have been using the trail on the south side. President Blaylock thanked her for the information.

Tom Stahl asked if the Town has a police officer on duty. President Blaylock stated the Marshal is currently in training and not working the streets. He continued the sheriff's dept. and state police have been coming through at varied times to help out. Councilman Watson stated Marshal McDaniel's training will be complete around the end of May.

President Blaylock reported Council is waiting on the receipt of a second quote for a sound system at Town Hall.

President Blaylock announced all golf cart registration fees must be paid by April 30. Marshal McDaniel will take care of completing the registration process once he completes his training.

Councilman Flanders announced an Indy 500 100th anniversary celebration will be held from 2:30-4:00 on April 22 at the Workingmen's Institute.

President Blaylock reported spring clean-up day will be held May 13.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade asked that Council follow up on the energy evaluations that were done by Vectren. He would like Council to consider upgrading the old fire station and Town Hall right away.

In response to the anticipated increase in traffic due to the Midwest Fertilizer Plant, Councilman Flanders has spoken to Posey Co. Commissioner Jim Alsop about what this means for the intersection of Hwy. 66 and Hwy. 69. Commissioner Alsop contacted INDOT and requested a review of the intersection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer